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SUBJECT:REMOTE SENSING AGREEMENT

REF: BRASILIA 3584

1. DEPARTMENT AND NASA AGREE TO FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES
EXTENDING LANDSAT AGREEMENT THROUGH MAY 15. THE PREVIOUS
TEXT FURNISHED CAN BE MODIFIED.

2. EMBASSY OFFICERS MAY UTILIZE FOLLOWING IN RESPONDING TO
BAENA SOARES CONCERNS OVER INPE ROLE AS REGIONAL LANDSAT
STATION:

A. NASA EXPECTATION THAT BRAZIL PROVIDE DATA OF AREAS

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BEYOND ITS BORDERS CLEARLY INDICATED IN MARCH 1973 AGREE-

MENT (PARAS 4 AND 11) AS WELL AS IN SUBSEQUENT NASA/INPE CORRESPONDENCE IN WHICH NASA SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BRAZILIAN COVERAGE OF PI TEST SITES WITHIN RANGE OF CUIABA STATION AND TO WHICH INPE AGREED. MOREOVER, MAY 1975 UN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT CHARACTERIZED THE BRAZILIAN LANDSAT FACILITY AS ONE OF SEVERAL REGIONAL FACILITIES -- WITH NO OBJECTION FROM BRAZIL. THIS CHARACTERIZATION WAS AGAIN AFFIRMED THROUGH REFERENCES IN

NOVEMBER 1975 GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO S AND T REPORT AND SPECIFIC PARAGRAPHS CONCERNED. CHARACTERIZATION AGAIN AFFIRMED THIS MONTH IN NEW REPORT OF S AND T SUBCOMMITTEE. IN ANY CASE, CURRENT NASA DRAFT AGREEMENTS CLARIFYING REGIONAL CHARACTER OF BRAZILIAN RESPONSIBILITIES HAS BEEN IN BRAZIL'S HANDS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1975 (INPE) AND DECEMBER 1975 (COBAE).

B. SERVICING OF REQUESTS FOR DATA OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES SHOULD IMPOSE NO NEW FINANCIAL OR TECHNICAL BURDEN ON BRAZIL. CUIABA STATION WAS DESIGNED AND BUILT AND IS PRESENTLY ACQUIRING DATA OF ENTIRE REGION WITHIN RECEPTION RANGE. NASA RECOGNIZES THAT PROCESSING OF ALL DATA ACQUIRED OF REGION, WHILE DESIRABLE WOULD BE MAJOR UNDERTAKING. NASA THEREFORE ASSURES COBAE THAT INPE WOULD NOT BE OBLIGATED TO PROCESS DATA ACQUIRED UNTIL SPECIFIC REQUESTS RECEIVED. THE COST OF PROCESSING DATA FOR SUCH SPECIFIC REQUESTS COULD THEN BE CHARGED ENTIRELY TO THE REQUESTER. SISCO

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